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IOWA CITY, IOWA, June 30, 1885.

To His Excellency, B. R. SHERMAN, Governor of Iowa:

SIR—I herewith transmit to you the fifteenth biennial report of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa.

Yours respectfully,

M. W. DAVIS,

Secretary.

BIENNIAL REPORT.

LIBRARY ROOM, IOWA CITY, IOWA.

To his excellency, BUREN R. SHERMAN, Governor of the State of Iowa:

SIR—The Board of Curators of the State Historical Society of Iowa, submit this, its fifteenth biennial report.

The Curators have held their regular meetings, and the rooms of the Society have been open to visitors regularly on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, and at other times when desirable.

The interest taken in the Society by the large increase in the number of visitors from all parts of the State and the donations received are very gratifying.

Our relations with other societies have been pleasant, and new societies are being added to our exchange list.

The Society commenced the publication in January last of the "Iowa Historical Record," a quarterly of forty-eight pages. Its object is to collect and preserve in a permanent form, facts connected with the history of the State.

It is sent to societies and libraries in exchange for their publications and to newspapers of our State. The papers sent us in exchange are placed on file in the library room of the Society, bound as soon as volumes are completed, and will form a collection for reference of the passing events of the State.

The report of the Treasurer is hereby appended, and statement showing for what purpose the expenses were incurred.

The Board of Curators of the Society, for the two years under review, was as follows:

By appointment of the Governor.

Hon. H. C. Bullis	Decorah.
Hon. A. L. Reeve	Hampton.
Hon. J. F. Duncombe	Fort Dodge.

Hon. J. W. N. Rumble.....	Marengo.
W. O. Crosby, Esq.....	Centerville.
H. Everett, Esq.....	Council Bluffs.
D. N. Richardson, Esq.....	Davenport.
H. A. Merrell, Esq.....	Washington.
T. S. Wright, Esq.....	Des Moines.

By election of Society, July 23, 1883:

J. L. Pickard, LL. D.....	Iowa City.
C. M. Hobby, M. D.....	Iowa City.
E. L. Clapp, M. D.....	Iowa City.
S. Calvin, A. M.....	Iowa City.
R. Hutchinson, Esq.....	Iowa City.
S. E. Paine, Esq.....	Iowa City.
S. C. Trowbridge, Esq.....	Iowa City.
James Lee, Esq.....	Iowa City.
*M. W. Davis, Esq.....	Iowa City.

*M. W. Davis resigned August 11, 1883, and December 8, Prof. G. Hinrichs was elected to fill vacancy.

The present Board of Curators is as follows:

By appointment of the Governor, June, 1884.

Hon. H. C. Bullis.....	Winneshiek county.
Hon. J. F. Duncombe.....	Webster county.
Hon. J. W. N. Rumble.....	Iowa county.
W. O. Crosby, Esq.....	Appanoose county.
Wm. Toman, Esq.....	Buchanan county.
H. A. Burrell, Esq.....	Washington county.
D. N. Richardson, Esq.....	Scott county.

By election of Society, June 22, 1885:

J. L. Pickard, LL. D.....	Iowa City.
C. M. Hobby, M. D.....	Iowa City.
E. L. Clapp, M. D.....	Iowa City.
S. Calvin, A. M.....	Iowa City.
G. Hinrichs, A. M.....	Iowa City.
S. E. Paine, Esq.....	Iowa City.
James Lee, Esq.....	Iowa City.
S. C. Trowbridge, Esq.....	Iowa City.
C. T. Ransom, Esq.....	Iowa City.

The officers of the Society are:

J. L. Pickard.....	President.
Lyman Parsons.....	Treasurer.
M. W. Davis.....	Secretary.

D. W. C. CLAPP, *Treasurer, in acct. with State Historical Society, Iowa.*

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1883.	
August 12, to balance.....	\$ 330.60
1884.	
June 16, to cash.....	1,500.00
1885.	
March 17, to cash.....	500.00
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	\$2,330.60

DISBURSEMENTS.

1883.	
September 5, by order number 0.....	\$ 1.40
September 8, by order number 1.....	18.15
September 8, by order number 2.....	3.35
September 8, by order number 3.....	3.76
October 13, by order number 4.....	150.00
October 13, by order number 5.....	9.86
October 13, by order number 6.....	6.75
October 13, by order number 7.....	4.75
October 13, by order number 8.....	29.25
October 13, by order number 9.....	63.75
November 10, by order number 10.....	3.20
November 10, by order number 11.....	40.00
December 8, by order number 12.....	6.85
December 8, by order number 13.....	27.95
December 8, by order number 14.....	1.90
December 8, by order number 15.....	25.00
1884.	
January 12, by order number 16.....	2.25
January 12, by order number 17.....	5.61
February 9, by order number 18.....	31.00
February 9, by order number 19.....	9.90
March 8, by order number 20.....	35.00
April 12, by order number 21.....	2.90
April 12, by order number 22.....	33.00
April 17, by order number 23.....	25.65
May 10, by order number 24.....	150.00
June 27, by order number 25.....	25.00
July 12, by order number 26.....	4.91
July 12, by order number 27.....	1.80
July 12, by order number 28.....	4.50

July 12, by order number 29.....	\$ 52.25
September 13, by order number 30.....	36.50
September 13, by order number 31.....	3.50
October 11, by order number 32.....	2.50
October 11, by order number 33.....	1.30
October 11, by order number 34.....	25.00
November 8, by order number 35.....	25.25
November 8, by order number 36.....	150.00
December 13, by order number 37.....	17.75
December 13, by order number 38.....	55.75
December 13, by order number 39.....	1.95
December 22, by order number 40.....	22.50
1885.	
January 10, by order number 41.....	8.00
January 10, by order number 42.....	4.13
January 10, by order number 43.....	50.00
February 5, by order number 44.....	26.00
February 14, by order number 45.....	2.10
February 14, by order number 46.....	1.15
February 14, by order number 47.....	31.00
February 14, by order number 48.....	.60
March 7, by order number 49.....	59.94
March 14, by order number 50.....	3.65
March 16, by order number 51.....	35.00
April 11, by order number 52.....	8.00
April 11, by order number 53.....	27.75
April 11, by order number 54.....	75.00
April 11, by order number 55.....	25.00
May 9, by order number 56.....	3.13
May 16, by order number 57.....	35.00
May 22, by order number 58.....	59.75
June 13, by order number 59.....	75.00
June 13, by order number 60.....	39.25
June 13, by order number 61.....	3.60
June 13, by order number 62.....	16.67
July 11, by order number 63.....	17.50
July 11, by transferred to L. Parsons, treasurer.....	601.29

\$2,330.60

SPECIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1883.	
August 20, to cash.....	\$ 443.83

DISBURSEMENTS.

1885.	
July 11, by transferred to L. Parsons, treasurer.....	\$ 443.83

L. PARSONS, Treasurer, in account with State Historical Society, Iowa:

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1885.	
July 13. To amount received from ex-Treasurer D. W. C. Clapp....	\$601.29

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RECEIPTS.

1885.	
July 13. To amount received from ex-Treasurer D. W. C. Clapp....	\$443.83

Orders have been drawn to the amount of \$1,729.31 for the following expenses for the two years:

Rent.....	\$ 600.00
Fuel.....	44.50
Gas.....	7.00
Show case and stand.....	31.85
Case for flags.....	55.75
Repairs and glass.....	11.35
Printing.....	16.10
Binding.....	89.40
Publishing Historical Record.....	238.20
Care of rooms.....	368.45
Secretary.....	216.67
Freight.....	11.45
Express charges.....	18.50
Postage and box rent.....	13.74
Notary service.....	2.25
Stationery.....	.55
Incidentals.....	2.55

\$ 1,729.31

The following are the names of those to whom the Society is indebted for additions to the Library during the past two years:

	Vol.	Pam.
Allison, Hon. W. B., Washington, D. C.....	5	
Academy Natural Science, Davenport.....		1
Academy Natural Science, Minneapolis.....		1
American Geographical Society, New York.....		10
American Antiquarian Society.....		5
American Ephemeris office.....		3
Aiken, Walter H., Cincinnati, O.....	1	
Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.....	3	9
Buffalo Historical Society.....	1	2
Bureau of Statistics.....		5
Bennett, Rev. H. W., Dubuque.....	1	
Behet, Gen. S. F., Washington.....	2	
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston.....	5	4
Belknap, Gen. W. W.....		1
Chicago Historical Society.....	47	145
Chicago Public Library.....		1
Cogswell, Wilber F., Philadelphia.....		1
Courtney, W. A., Charleston, S. C.....	1	
Conant, T. O., Portland, Maine.....	1	
Clark, Robert, Cincinnati, O.....	1	1
Cochran, Dr. M. B., Davenport.....		1
Cannon, Hon. H. W., Washington, D. C.....	1	
Dawson, Chas. C., New York.....	1	
Department of Interior, Washington, D. C.....	57	26
Department of State, Washington, D. C.....	2	19
Darling, Gen. C. W., Utica, N. Y.....	1	1
Descriptive America Publishing Co., New York.....		1
Esses Institute.....	110	124
Farmer, E. J., Cleveland, O.....	1	
Frederick, Hon. B. T.....	1	
Georgia Historical Society.....	2	2
Goodwin, Daniel, Chicago.....	2	
German Society, New York.....	2	
Green, Dr. Sam'l A., Boston.....	3	27
Historical Society of Pennsylvania.....	1	8
Historical and Philosophical Society, Cincinnati, O.....	7	8
Hinrichs, Prof. G.....		1
Hammond, Prof. W. G., St. Louis.....		2
Hershne, A. J.....		1
Hatton, Hon. Frank.....	1	
Hempstead, Fay, Little Rock, Ark.....	1	
Hancock, E. M., Waukon, Iowa.....	1	
Hazen, Gen. W. H.....		6

	Vol.	Pam.
John Hopkins University, Baltimore.....		5
Kneedler, H. S.....	3	
Kirkwood, Hon. S. J.....	21	
Kansas Historical Society, Topeka.....		1
Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn.....		1
Library Company, Philadelphia.....		5
Lee, James.....		3
Lord, John S., Springfield, Ill.....	1	
Mercantile Library Association, New York.....		1
Mechanics' Society, New York.....	1	
Minnesota Historical Society.....	1	
Massachusetts Historical Society.....	2	
McGee, W. J., Washington, D. C.....		17
Meade, George, Washington, D. C.....		1
Miller, E. G.....	2	
Monroe, J. H.....	1	
New Hampshire Historical Society.....	1	
New York Historical Society.....		1
Nicholson, Col. J. P., Philadelphia.....	1	
New England Historic and Genealogical Society.....		13
New Jersey Historical Society.....	10	3
Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y.....		2
Public Library, Boston.....		1
Parvin, Prof. T. S.....	66	445
Parish, J. C, Des Moines.....	2	
Patent office.....	1	27
Publisher Magazine of Western History, Cleveland, O..		6
Pillsbury, Parker, Concord, N. H.....		1
Queen's Printer, Quebec.....		2
Rhode Island Historical Society.....		1
Ranck, G. W., Lexington, Ky.....	1	
Ransom, C. T.....	6	
State Library, Boston.....	46	
Smithsonian Institute.....	2	
Signal Weather Service.....		14
Secretary of State, Des Moines.....	186	
Schenck, Capt. A. D., Washington.....	1	
Smucker, Hon. Isaac, Newark, O.....		3
Shakers, Union Village, N. H.....		10
Switzer, Jonas.....	11	
Springer, John.....	1	1
Scribner's Sons.....		4
Sims, William, Topeka, Kan.....	1	
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.....	3	4
Trowbridge, Col. S. C.....	1	
Teetor, Henry B., Cincinnati, O.....	1	

	Vol.	Pam.
Union Defense Committee, New York.....	1	
University of California, Berkley.....		27
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Office.....	2	
Virginia Historical Society.....	2	
Vance, Gen. J. W., Springfield, Ill.....	5	
War Department, Washington.....	5	
Wisconsin Historical Society.....	30	9
Western Reserve Historical Society.....		3
Worcester Society of Antiquity.....	1	5
Wyoming Historical Society, Pennsylvania.....	1	2
Wright, Harrison, Wilkesbarre, Pa.....	1	
Welsh, Herbert, Philadelphia.....		1
Wood, D. W.....	1	
Yale College.....		4
Zahm, S. H.....		6
Totals.....	684	1045

The following are the principal donations to the Cabinet:

Billingsley, Wm.....	11 foot mounted alligator.
Clossen, Charles.....	Weapon used for punishment.
Chamberlane, James.....	Pair antlers.
Davis, M. W.....	Moulds for the John Brown cannon.
Furbish, Fred.....	Postal currency.
Graham, Col. H.....	Fac simile of an old paper.
Hoy, Fong.....	Chinese flower basket.
Kneedler, Thomas.....	Sugar and sugar-cane.
Kneerium, Wm.....	Topaz.
Lanning, Edward.....	Mound builder's pestle.
McConnell, L. A.....	Stalactites.
Marquardt, G. W.....	Two very old musical instruments.
Maresh, Holubar.....	Watch-case.
Mosier, Terre.....	Mountain crickets.
Owen, A.....	Stone axe.
Parvin, Prof. T. S.....	Specimens of cereals from Oregon.
Pickard, Dr. J. L.....	Photograph.
Paine, Eugene.....	Musket balls.
Parker, C. E.....	Arkansas treasury warrant.
Rowe, H. D.....	Double fulgerite.
Sperry, J. D.....	Fractional currency.
Springer, John.....	First seal of Iowa.
Seaton, L. R.....	Badges.
Shinn, H.....	Stone Celt.
Teneyke, M.....	Specimens of seeds.
Waite, Dr. J. H.....	Lynchers' cord.

We have supplied the following Societies and Libraries with our exchanges, either in whole or in part, during the past two years:

American Antiquarian Society.....	Worcester, Mass.
American Geographical Society.....	New York.
American Philosophical Society.....	Philadelphia.
Arkansas Historical Society.....	Little Rock.
Academy of Science.....	Davenport.
Academy of Natural Science.....	Philadelphia.
Academy of Natural Science.....	Minneapolis.
Buffalo Historical Society.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
Colorado Historical Society.....	Denver.
Chicago Historical Society.....	Chicago, Ill.
Connecticut Historical Society.....	Hartford.
Congregational Library.....	Boston.
Delaware Historical Society.....	Wilmington.
Essex Institute.....	Salem, Mass.
Finland's Historical Society.....	Norwalk, Ohio.

Georgia Historical Society.....	Savannah.
Historical and Philosophical Society.....	Cincinnati.
Historical and Geological Society.....	Wilkesbarre, Pa.
Indiana Historical Society.....	Indianapolis.
John Hopkins' University.....	Baltimore.
Kansas Historical Society.....	Topeka.
Long Island Historical Society.....	Brooklyn.
Maine Historical Society.....	Portland.
Massachusetts Historical Society.....	Boston.
Maryland Historical Society.....	Baltimore.
Minnesota Historical Society.....	St. Paul.
Michigan Historical Society.....	Detroit.
Missouri Historical Society.....	St. Louis.
Minnesota Academy of Science.....	Minneapolis.
Mercantile Library Association.....	San Francisco.
New Jersey Historical Society.....	Newark.
New York Historical Society.....	New York City.
New York State Library.....	Albany.
New England Historic and Genealogical Society.....	Boston.
Oneida Historical Society.....	Utica.
Pennsylvania Historical Society.....	Philadelphia.
Public Library.....	Boston.
Rhode Island Historical Society.....	Providence.
Smithsonian Institute.....	Washington.
South Carolina Historical Society.....	Charleston.
Southern California Historical Society.....	Los Angeles.
Tennessee Historical Society.....	Nashville.
University of California.....	Berkley.
Vermont Historical Society.....	Montpelier.
Virginia Historical Society.....	Richmond.
Worcester Society of Antiquity.....	Worcester, Mass.
Western Reserve Historical Society.....	Cleveland, O.
Wisconsin Historical Society.....	Madison.
Yale College.....	New Haven.